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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 20

1. NYT (PAGE 5) BERNARD WEINTRAUB FROM BRUSSELS REPORTS
END OF CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY AND ITS DECLARATION
URGING END OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND RESTRAINT ON EMIGRATION.
ALSO WP AND SUN.

2. WP (OP-ED PAGE) VICTOR ZORZA'S "DAMNING BREZHNEV WITH
FAINT PRAISE" SAYS SOVIET HAWKS, LIKE MODERATES, WANT
DETENTE TO CONTINUE AND THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH MANY OF
BREZHNEV'S POLICIES HAVE BEEN DEFEATED, THE PREPARATIONS
FOR THE PARTY CONGRESS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT BREZHNEV HIMSELF
WILL NOT BE GOTTEN RID OF BUT WILL BE PRAISED FOR HE IS
NO LONGER A THREAT TO THEM BEING OVERCOME BY ILLNESS AND
POLITICAL DEBILITY.

3. WP (PAGE B-1) PETER OSNOS REPORTS ON THE CASE OF THE
MISSING PAINTINGS -- GEORGE COSTAKIS', OF COURSE.

4. WP (PAGE C-6) REPORTS FROM LONDON IZVESTIA ARTICLE
DECLARING THAT SOVIET LEGISLATION ON RELIGION IS THE
MOST HUMANE AND DEMOCRATIC IN THE WORLD.

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5. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) ANDREW M. GREELEY SAYS RUSSIANS ARE RULERS OF BIGGEST COLONIAL EMPIRE STILL EXISTING AND ONE OF BIGGEST WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN AND HYPOCRITES WHO LAMENT COLONIALISM IN OUR JOURNALS, DENOUNCE OPPRESSION AT WORLD COUNCIL, AND PASS RESOLUTIONS AT UN HAVE SOMEHOW EXEMPTED RUSSIA FROM RENDERING ACCOUNT OF ITS COLONIAL OPPRESSION.

6. STAR (PAGE 4) BRIEF WORLD ITEM FROM MOSCOW SAYS CASTRO TO ATTEND MOSCOW CONGRESS. EAGLEBURGER

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